

Amendments In the Claims

1. – 41. (Cancelled)

42. (New) A method comprising:

a set-top receiver receiving first data;

the set-top receiver receiving an electronic program guide (EPG)

the set-top receiver storing the EPG to a hard disk of the set-top receiver;

the set-top receiver comparing first data with data of the EPG;

moving a first portion of the EPG from the hard disk to a random access memory

(RAM) of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver

identifying a match between the first data and data of the first portion.

43. (New) The method of claim 42 wherein the first data identifies a television channel.

44. (New) The method of claim 42 wherein the first data identifies a program that can be presented on a television.

45. (New) The method of claim 42 wherein the first data identifies a program type.

46. (New) The method of claim 42 wherein the first data identifies a time slot during which a program may be presented on a television.

47. (New) A method comprising:
a set-top receiver receiving first data, wherein the first data identifies a television channel;
the set-top receiver receiving second data, wherein the second data identifies a program that can be presented on a television;
the set-top receiver receiving third data, wherein the third data identifies a time slot;
the set-top receiver receiving an electronic program guide (EPG)
the set-top receiver storing the EPG to a hard disk of the set-top receiver;
the set-top receiver comparing the first data with data of the EPG;
the set-top receiver comparing the second data with data of the EPG;
the set-top receiver comparing the third data with data of the EPG
storing a first portion of the EPG from the hard disk to a random access memory (RAM) of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between the first data and data of the first portion;
storing a second portion of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between the second data and data of the second portion;
storing a third portion of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between the third data and data of the third portion.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 further comprising:
copying the first portion from the RAM to the hard disk;
deleting the first portion from the RAM after it is copied to the hard disk.

49. (New) A method comprising:
a set-top receiver receiving a first set of data, wherein each data of the first set identifies a respective television channel;
the set-top receiver receiving an electronic program guide (EPG)
the set-top receiver storing the EPG to a hard disk of the set-top receiver;
the set-top receiver comparing each data of the first set with data of the EPG;
storing a plurality of first portions of the EPG from the hard disk to a random access memory (RAM) of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between data of the plurality of first portions and respective data of the first set.

50. (New) The method of claim 49 further comprising:
the set-top receiver receiving second set of data, wherein each data of the second set identifies a respective program that can be presented on a television;
the set-top receiver comparing each data of the second set with data of the EPG;
storing a plurality of second portions of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between data of the plurality of second portions and respective data of the second set.

51. (New) The method of claim 50 further comprising:
the set-top receiver receiving third set of data, wherein the set of data identifies a respective time slot;
the set-top receiver comparing each data of the third set with data of the EPG;
storing a plurality of third portions of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver identifying a match between data of the plurality of third portions and respective data of the third set.

52. (New) The method of claim 49 further comprising:
accessing one or more of the first portions stored in the RAM;
the set-top receiver detecting one of the first portions stored in the RAM, which is
less frequently accessed than the other first portions stored in the RAM;
moving the detected one of the first portions stored in the RAM to the hard disk.

53. (New) A memory medium for storing instructions executable by a
microprocessor in a set-top receiver, wherein the microprocessor implements a method in
response to executing the instructions, the method comprising:

storing an EPG received by the set-top receiver to a hard disk of the set-top
receiver;
comparing first data received by the set-top receiver with data of the EPG;
storing a first portion of the EPG from the hard disk to a random access memory
(RAM) of the set-top receiver in response to the set-top receiver
identifying a match between the first data and data of the first portion.

54. (New) A set-top receiver for receiving an EPG, the set-top receiver
comprising:

a microprocessor;
a hard disk coupled to the microprocessor, wherein the hard disk is configured to
store an EPG received by the set-top receiver;
a RAM coupled to the hard disk, wherein the RAM is configured to receive and
store portions of the EPG from the hard disk;
a memory for storing instructions executable by the microprocessor, wherein the
microprocessor is configured to implement a method, the method
comprising:
storing an EPG received by the set-top receiver to the hard disk;
comparing first data received by the set-top receiver with data of the EPG;
storing a first portion of the EPG from the hard disk to the RAM in response to
identifying a match between the first data and data of the first portion.

55. (New) The memory medium of claim 54 wherein the first data identifies a television channel.

56. (New) The memory medium of claim 54 wherein the first data identifies a program that can be presented on a television.

57. (New) The memory medium of claim 54 wherein the first data identifies a program type.

58. (New) The memory medium of claim 54 wherein the first data identifies a time slot during which a program may be presented on a television.